

Capacity Building for State and Regional Councils

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This 3-hour session will include a panel discussion comprised of people involved with Councils, small group brainstorming/discussion, and large group reporting/discussion. The first half of the session will be comprised of panel presentations:

- ✓ We will begin the session with brief introductions of panel members and the councils they represent (3-5 minutes/person). We anticipate about 7 panel members. (45 minutes)
- ✓ We will move into slightly longer presentations (10 minutes) highlighting some of the capacity building work of specific councils (abstracts submitted to the conference) (45 minutes)

After a brief break (10-15 minutes), we will move into the more interactive half of the session:

- ✓ We will break into small groups. Each group will be charged with discussing one of the key issues/challenges involved in capacity building (such as funding, data sharing, institutional collaboration) and with developing some initial ideas and recommendations for dealing with the issue. The recommendations might also include ways that the National Council can provide support to these collaborative groups. Members of the panel will serve as group leaders and resource people in each group. (about 30-45 minutes)
- ✓ Lastly, we will reconverge as a large group and hear report-backs from each of the small groups. This information will be presented in the conference report-back session on Thursday morning.

This workshop will also include the following presentations:

The Joint Solicitation - Wisconsin's Groundwater Research and Monitoring Partnership, **Timothy Asplund, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

Virginia's Water Monitoring and Needs Assessment Survey, **Jane Walker, Virginia Water Resources Research Center**

Water Quality Monitoring Activities by Interstate Commissions, **Peter Tennant, Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission**

	Water Quality Monitoring Strategy for the South Shore Estuary Reserve (SSER), Long Island NY, Elizabeth Moran, EcoLogic, LLC